

# **EXHIBIT A**



April 27, 2020

Valero Marketing and Supply Company

One Valero Way  
San Antonio, Texas 78249

Dear Mr. Jorge A. Parra,

Reference is made to the Purchase Contract by and among Valero Marketing and Supply Company ("Valero") and Fieldwood Energy LLC ("Fieldwood"), dated June 13, 2018, No. 4200144305 (the "Contract"). Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Contract.

As Valero is aware, the COVID-19 epidemic has impacted oil and gas operations throughout the Gulf of Mexico and globally. Fieldwood places the highest priority on its and its contractor's employees' health and safety. To best protect its workforce and comply with governmental orders associated with slowing the spread of COVID-19, Fieldwood has moved to reduce or eliminate all non-essential operations and shut-in the majority of its facilities and production. This has impacted production operations related to the Contract.

Due to conditions created by the COVID-19 epidemic and pursuant to Section E of the Conoco Inc.'s General Terms & Conditions for Domestic Crude Oil Agreement, as incorporated by reference into the Contract, Fieldwood hereby notifies Valero that Fieldwood is unable to perform its obligations under the Contract due to an event of Force Majeure, which is reasonably beyond Fieldwood's control. Specifically, Fieldwood is unable to deliver the products as described in the Contract. Fieldwood will notify Valero when the situation related to COVID-19 is resolved and operations can recommence.

Finally, Fieldwood wishes to remind Valero that unilateral changes to nominated amounts reflects and is in accordance with the established pattern and practice of the parties related to deliveries under the Contract.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jim Brysch at 713-969-1129.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John H. Smith'.

John H. Smith  
SVP Business Development

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